



# Senate Bill 172 Public Meeting

October 23, 2019





- Department of Education (DOE)
  - Susan Bunting, Secretary
  - Chuck Longfellow, Associate Secretary
  - Kim Klein, Director of Finance
  - Meaghan Brennan, Education Associate
- -Special Guests/Legislators



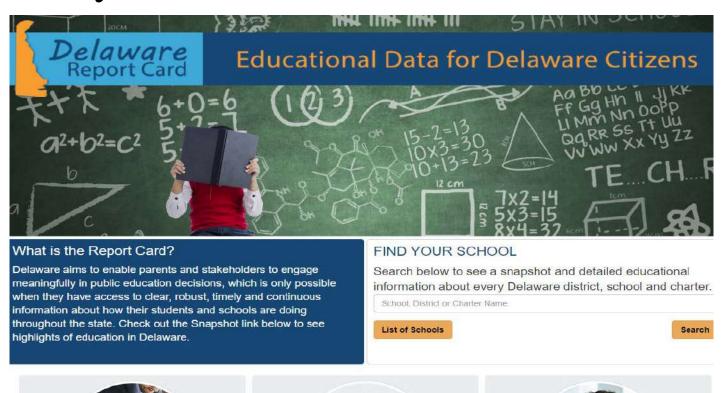
# **Senate Bill 172**

- -Prior to SB172, Delaware had not reported education spending at the school building level.
- Adopted to increase school funding transparency.
- -Intended to provide comparable financial data statewide, to be used in education policy-making discussions and decisions.



# **Delaware Report Card**

-Launched the <u>Delaware Report Card</u> on January 16, 2019.







#### Since then ...

- Improved Financial Transparency page on DOE website.
- Reviewed existing school codes with LEAs and standardized naming methodology (FSF School Codes).

16-0751	Laurel Central Office
16-0752	North Laurel Early Lrng Acad
16-0756	Laurel High School
16-0782	Laurel Middle School
16-0783	Laurel Elem School
16-9999	To Be Allocated



#### Since then ...

- -Collaborated with the Division of Accounting, Office of Management and Budget and LEAs to standardize expenditure account codes.
  - Starting in July 2019, LEAs began using codes aligned with National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) categories.
- -Released Financial Coding Guidance.



## What's next?

- -Working with LEAs to standardize revenue account codes by July 2020.
- -Rebuilding financial reports to align with NCES categories.
- -Collaborating with the Division of Accounting and Open Data Portal to provide additional expenditure data.



### **Public Comment**

- Public comments will be limited to five minutes per individual or organization.
- Please introduce yourself, including the organization you are representing (if applicable).
- Please submit written feedback/comments no later than Friday, November 8th to:

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